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s. Tunis, Bahrain envoys named

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (R)—President Carter today named two foreign service officers to be the new U.S. ambassadors to Tunisia and Bahrain. Stephen Bosworth, Assistant Secretary of State for International Resources and Food Policy, was named to the post. Robert Pelletreau, Deputy Chief of Mission in Syria for the past three years, was nominated to head the U.S. embassy in Tunisia. The nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

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Commando leader killed in Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 22 (R)—A Palestinian commando leader was killed tonight, along with four of his aides, when a radio-controlled bomb exploded in West Beirut. The Fatah commando organisation said in a statement that Ali Hassan Salameh (Abu Hassan) died when the bomb exploded as he and his aides were driving by. Abu Hassan was in charge of personal security for Fatah leader Yasser Arafat, who is also Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). The Fatah statement did not say who was responsible for the explosion. But Palestinian officials privately blamed the Israelis. Fatah vowed that the death of Abu Hassan would not go unavenged.

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Regional Briefs

YADH, Jan. 22 (R)—Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal returned today from Bonn after a three-day visit during which he held talks with his West German counterpart Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the official Saudi Press Agency reported. The talks dealt with Middle East developments and the situation in Iran. Diplomatic sources in Bonn earlier said the discussions had also covered the question of increased Saudi oil supplies to make up for shortages of Iranian deliveries.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (R)—Libyan Interior Minister Younis Belkassam, visiting a first visit to Jordan, today called for closer cooperation between the two countries. Colonel Belkassam arrived yesterday on a week's visit to study crime-fighting techniques in many parts of the country. He is the highest ranking Libyan leader to visit Jordan since Prime Minister Abdel Salam Jalloud was here five years ago. Colonel Belkassam had a working lunch today with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Interior Minister Gerhard Baum.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan. 22 (R)—Former U.S. President Gerald Ford, on a private visit to Israel, today discussed the Middle East situation with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. He later visited the Yad Vashem memorial for Jewish victims of the Nazis and toured Arab East Jerusalem, guided by the city's mayor, Teddy Kolek.

DAMASCUS, Jan. 22 (R)—Syria will almost double its defence spending to eight billion Syrian pounds (about \$5,647 million), an increase of 111 million Syrian pounds (\$28 million) or last year's budget.

Mr. Halabi said the defence allocations were designed to develop Syria's defence potential and the training and equipment of its armed forces, and to consolidate the country's pan-Arab role in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

DAMASCUS, Jan. 22 (R)—Guinea's President Ahmed Sekou Toure left today for the Syrian Arab Republic after a three-day visit to Syria. He held talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on bilateral relations and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

Japan launches energy-saving campaign
KYOTO, Jan. 22 (R)—The Japanese government today launched an energy-saving campaign following the suspension of oil supplies from Iran. The campaign, which does not include any mandatory measures, calls for lower speeds on roads and reductions in heating and lighting. This is the first time the government introduced such a campaign since the 1973 oil crisis. Japan last imported 99 per cent of its oil of which about 17 per cent came from Iran.

Spy slips from police within hours of arrest
AMMAN, Jan. 22 (R)—West German security officials today detected a spy who had slipped from their grasp within hours of his arrest. It was said that he was a notable coup in their fight against communist espionage.

Concorde to resume London-Singapore flight
AMMAN, Jan. 22 (R)—East and West will only be nine hours apart when the supersonic Concorde begins a regular London to Singapore run this week. After nearly a year of negotiations, the Anglo-French airlines will resume a Far East service which was suspended after only six flights due to environmental objections by the Malaysian government. The London-Singapore flight by Concorde takes more than 15 hours. The objections have been withdrawn for a trial period of six months and there will be three Concorde flights in each direction per week, via Bahrain, starting Wednesday.

charged with recent Greek bomb blast series
ATHENS, Jan. 22 (R)—Thirteen people, including two active police officers, were today charged with involvement in a recent series of bomb blasts in the Greek capital. A police spokesman said nine of the 13 were under arrest, with rewards of one million drachmas (\$28,000) offered for the arrest of two of the four still at large. Police alleged that the 13 were responsible for blasts which killed the detonation of 50 home-made bombs in the city on Jan. 17. Seven people were injured in those explosions, and a number of buildings were damaged.

120 die in Jakarta floods
JAKARTA, Jan. 22 (R)—At least 120 people died in last week's flooding in Jakarta and more bodies are expected to be discovered as the waters subside and collapsed houses are cleared, police said. Large parts of the city were still under 1.6 metres of water yesterday, almost the same level as last Friday when the floods struck and 100,000 people fled their homes.

As Shah military backing grows Stand-in power setup comes under pressure

TEHRAN, Jan. 22 (R)—Iran's acting military chief today pledged that the armed forces would never stage a coup.

General Abbas Qarabaghi also denied that the armed forces might split into different factions. The statement by the general, who as armed forces chief of staff was left in charge of the military in the Shah's absence, indicated strong military backing for the stand-in power structure left by the Shah when he departed on a political holiday which could be a prelude to exile.

That structure, led formally by a nine-man Regency Council, came under fresh pressure today when a member of Iran's newly-formed Regency Council, Seyyed Jalal-eddin Tehrani, today said he had resigned.

As he walked to his car after a brief meeting with the exiled Moslem opposition leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Mr. Tehrani was asked by reporters if he had quit the nine-man council and replied simply: "Yes."

In a statement then read to reporters by a close aide of the 78-year-old Ayatollah, Mr. Tehrani was quoted as saying he considered the council illegal.

Khomeini aides described Mr. Tehrani as leader of the council. Government sources in Tehran had insisted earlier today that Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiari had been in contact with Mr. Tehrani and that he had not resigned.

Just five days before Ayatollah Khomeini is due to return to Iran in triumph after 15 years in exile, any crack in the power structure in Tehran could lead to the collapse



Jalal-eddin Tehrani

of the edifice left by the Shah, which the opposition leader says is illegal.

Gen. Qarabaghi's statement, and a strong reaffirmation last night by Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiari that he would stick to his post, indicated no collapse was imminent—despite the mass following Ayatollah Khomeini enjoys for his plan to overthrow the monarchy and establish an "Islamic republic" in Iran.

Ayatollah Khomeini, exiled in 1963 after anti-Shah rioting here, is expected back on Friday to a hero's welcome in the streets.

Gen. Qarabaghi said the armed forces stood by the existing constitution—which Ayatollah Khomeini plans to end.

"Every effort will be made to ensure due respect for the constitution, and there will be no violation of it," he declared.

He said, however, that all necessary steps had been taken to ensure the Ayatollah's safety when he flew back to Iran.

In rain which today deepened the gloom of the already paralysed

capital, groups of only a few hundred demonstrators took to the streets.

Most appeared to be supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini, but one group of young students shouted "long live the workers" and did not refer to the Ayatollah in their slogans. They called for reopening of schools which have been closed for more than two months.

Amid general expectancy over the Ayatollah's return, and total uncertainty over how the conflict between his plans and those of the authorities will be played out, there have been signs of a potential split in the opposition movement—between purely religious groups and left-wing political activists.

Witnesses reported a near-clash yesterday between Marxist and religious groups parading at Tehran University after Marxist groups made a rare appearance in the capital.

The government of Dr. Bakhtiari, pressing on with plans to defuse hostility, today announced that a bill would go before parliament next week providing for punishment of officials jailed on corruption charges.

Long queues continued for petrol and kerosene, but the government rejected rumours of further economic collapse.

Radio Iran denied that there was a national shortage of wheat and said there was enough bread to supply the capital.

In Bombay, police sources said armed Iranian students seized the Iranian consulate-general today and said they would hand over five staff hostages tomorrow after a 24-hour protest.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said India's external affairs ministry in New Delhi had advised against any immediate police action against the students, who are supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The 15 students, armed with pistols and explosives, said they were protesting against the "illegal" government in Tehran of Prime Minister Bakhtiari.

A student spokesman told PTI that they were holding two vice-consuls, the cultural attaché and two women members of the staff as hostages.

Riot police and fire brigade officials cordoned off the area in south Bombay as the students barricaded themselves inside the building for the night.

Shah arrives in Morocco

MARRAKESH, Morocco, Jan. 22 (R)—The Shah of Iran arrived in this southern Moroccan city from Egypt today for a short visit and talks with King Hassan.

The Iranian monarch spent six days in the southern Egyptian town of Aswan before flying here on his way to the United States. Moroccan officials described his visit as private and said it would last between 24 and 48 hours, though some Iranian officials here said it might last longer.

Strict security has been laid on for the visit and there was no mention of it in the Moroccan press this morning.

At Aswan airport he was given a 21-gun salute and reviewed a guard of honour with his host, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, before boarding the royal Boeing 707 airliner — which he piloted himself. Shortly afterwards Mr. Sadat left for Cairo.

The Shah, who was accompanied by Empress Farah, had seemed strained on his arrival here. But today he was more relaxed.

Last night they were joined for dinner by another guest, former King Constantine of Greece, who is on holiday here with his wife.

Informed Egyptian sources said there were fears that the troubles in Iran might slow down the Middle East peace process.

They said the new Iranian government's reported intention of cutting off oil to Israel could make the Israelis reluctant to speed up a settlement before the situation in Iran became clearer.



Israel pounds Nabatiyeh for second day running

NABATIYEH, Lebanon, Jan. 22 (R)—Israeli forces pounded this southern Lebanese town with artillery fire for the second successive day today and sources said at least three people were killed.

Rockets, mortars and 155mm Howitzer shells crashed down, mainly in residential areas, at a rate of up to six a minute.

Hundreds of families fled this Palestinian stronghold, about 14 kilometres from the Israeli border, when the attack began yesterday.

Those left in the town today scurried for cover as the gunners ranged in their fire towards the town centre and the blast of shellfire echoed through deserted streets.

Among the first casualties was Mohammed Sarhan, 80, a retired artisan, whose home was hit by a mortar shell.

About 100 metres away the barrage continued, with flashes and clouds of smoke marking the

advancing fire.

The dull thump of answering artillery could be heard after about 50 shells had crashed down on Nabatiyeh.

The battle came three days after Israeli commandos launched a ground, air and artillery attack on Palestinian positions in the rugged mountains east of here.

Last Friday the United Nations Security Council renewed the mandate of the 5,800-strong U.N. Interim Peacekeeping Force in Southern Lebanon (UNIFIL) for five months.

In Beirut, the Palestine News Agency Wafa said Israeli warplanes had been driven out of South Lebanese airspace by anti-aircraft fire.

The shelling of Nabatiyeh continued into the afternoon, the agency said, accusing Israel of trying to create a pretext for "another major aggression against South Lebanon in the near future."

King in Saudi Arabia

RIMAH, Saudi Arabia, Jan. 22 (AGENCY)—His Majesty King Hussein, on a two-day official visit to Saudi Arabia, met here today with His Majesty King Khaled.

The two-hour meeting, during which discussions centred on latest Middle East developments, was attended by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz.

The meeting was also attended by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad bin Zaid and Jordanian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Tharwat Al Talhouh.

Talks between the two leaders were resumed during and after a dinner banquet given in honour of King Hussein by the Saudi monarch.

King Hussein arrived earlier today at this desert area where King Khaled is staying.

He was met by King Khaled, Prince Fahd and other high-ranking Saudi officials.

In an interview with Time magazine published today King Hussein said the break with other Arab countries would be "irrevocable" if Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a separate peace treaty with Israel.

In extracts of the interview, conducted last week, the King said President Sadat could try if he wished to negotiate a West Bank agreement with the Israelis, but the future of the West Bank and Gaza "is not for Sadat to decide, or for me or anyone else except the Palestinian people."

On the Camp David accords, Time quoted King Hussein as saying "certainly the situation has changed since Camp David, but from our point of view there is no progress."

On PNC final conference day, Arafat under strong pressure, Fatah authority challenged

DAMASCUS, Jan. 22 (R)—Palestinian leaders were locked in a crucial power struggle here today as hard-line groups challenged the authority of their overall chief, Yasser Arafat.

Radical Palestinian sources reported intensive bargaining behind closed doors over the composition of a new executive committee, the supreme body of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The debate took place on the final day of a conference of the Palestinian National Council (PNC), the equivalent of a parliament-in-exile, which is expected to reaffirm PLO rejection of Egyptian-Israeli peace moves and to call for stepping up guerrilla warfare against Israel.

The sources said Mr. Arafat was under strong pressure to relinquish control of the committee from splinter groups which have disagreed with his policies.

"Arafat is fighting a rearguard action but he has powerful support and the final outcome is still in the balance," one source said.

According to the radicals, three seats had been allocated to Mr. Arafat and leaders of his Fatah commando organisation and five to other groups, and they were now haggling over independent representatives who could swing the balance either way.

The sources said the number of independents was likely to be cut from nine in the previous 15-man

committee to four, thereby reducing the size of the executive.

They said one independent seat had been taken over by the hard-line Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). They

said another independent casualty would be Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizer, the senior PLO spokesman and a close confidant of Mr. Arafat.

Observers said the political bargaining was not expected to have any immediate effect on key PLO policies directed by Mr. Arafat since he would retain his power-base at the head of Fatah, by far the biggest commando group.

Conference sources said the new executive committee was likely to be announced late tonight, along with a lengthy document setting out future political and military strategy.

Mr. Arafat had expected to travel to Cairo at the weekend to report on his findings to the Egyptians. But the talks dragged on and the results were examined yesterday in a lengthy debate by the Israeli cabinet.

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New Upper House formed

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—A royal decree was issued here yesterday setting up a new 30-member Upper House of Parliament to take effect from Jan. 20, 1979. Mr. Bahjat Talhouni will retain his post as spokesman of the new House whose members are the following: Mr. Mudar Badran, Mr. Bahjat Talhouni, Mr. Sa'd Jum'a, Mr. Ahmad Touqan, Mr. Zeid Rifa'i, Mr. Hashem Al Jayousi, Mr. Anas Hanania, Mr. Abdul Rahman Khalifa, Mr. Farhan Shbeilat, Mr. 'Akef Al

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The new Upper House includes four new members who are Deifallah Al Humud, Faisal Al Jazi, Anas Hanania and Hashem Al Jayousi and excludes Shafiq Ersheldat and Edmond Rock who recently died and Kaseb Al Sufuq. It also includes the prime minister and one member of the cabinet Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh, who is Minister of Information, five former prime ministers and 15 former ministers, as well as the former speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Kamel 'Ureiqat.

Prince Hassan returns from Austria

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (J.T.)—His Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent and Her Highness Princess Sarvath returned here this evening from a private visit to Austria that lasted several days. During the visit Prince Hassan held talks with the Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlager and Chancellor Bruno Kreisky on ways of strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries, in various fields. Their Highnesses were welcomed at the airport by acting Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, Court Minister Amer Khammash, members of the Royal family and top officials.

NCC endorses extra tax to support universities

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (J.T.)—The government and the National Consultative Council (NCC) today emphasised that support for the Jordanian universities is a national necessity for the good of the country, its progress and prosperity. The two sides stressed that the law of additional duties for the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University is regarded as an investment, not just a taxation. The NCC was reluctant last Monday to endorse the proposed increase in levies and sidestepped

debate on the issue. Instead it asked the government to provide justification for the proposed increase. The government did so in the course of the week. The NCC today unanimously approved the law of additional duties for the two universities after a four-hour debate attended by all Cabinet members. The law will take effect as soon as it is referred to the Cabinet which, in turn, will submit it to the Royal Court where it is expected to be endorsed by a royal decree. Today's council session with-

nessed a wide and heated debate on the law in which government and all council members took place on several topics of which will be referred to committees concerned with the government. Among subjects is how to provide services to the eastern of Amman. The government and further stressed the need strengthening co-operation and constructive between them.

Coming & Going

International Labour

Organisation head arrives



Mr. Francis Blanchard

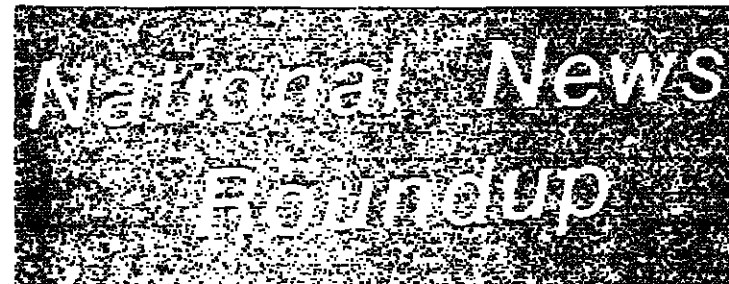
RSS official returns from Italy

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Deputy Director of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Dr. Fakhreddine Al Daghestani returned here today at the end of a week-long visit to Italy. During the visit he held talks with officials at the EEC joint research centre on cooperation between the RSS and the centre in the field of computerised programmes, bilateral cooperation in the exploitation of solar energy and the training of Jordanians at the EEC centre. According to a joint RSS-EEC agreement signed here last year the EEC will offer technical assistance to the society worth \$1.25 million within an EEC assistance programme to Jordan.

Education minister back from Iraq, Kuwait

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Francis Blanchard arrived here today for a three-day visit to Jordan. In a statement upon arrival Mr. Blanchard said he will hold talks with Jordanian officials on vocational training and technical cooperation between Jordan and the ILO. He will also brief the officials on the organization's activities and the financial difficulties it is now facing. Mr. Blanchard, who is here at the invitation of the Jordanian government is scheduled also to meet with his Majesty King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan and Prime Minister Mudar Badran. The ILO chief was met upon arrival at the airport by Minister of Tourism Ghaleb Barakat and several officials.

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Majali returned here Saturday at the end of visits to Iraq and Kuwait. During his several-day visit he held talks with officials there on further promoting educational cooperation between Jordan and the two countries. In talks with Iraqi officials it was agreed that a Jordanian educational delegation should visit Baghdad shortly to discuss the conclusion of an educational agreement between Jordan and Iraq. Dr. Majali said. During the visit the minister, who is also a member of the trustee board of the International University in Tokyo, said he explained to Kuwaiti and Iraqi officials the university's activities and programmes and obtained a pledge for financial assistance to the university from both countries.



Moroccan trade minister tours Jordan Valley

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani and the visiting Moroccan Minister of Trade and Industry Abdul Kamel Al Raghai today toured a number of projects undertaken by the Jordan Valley Authority. During their tour they were briefed on irrigation, electricity, and housing projects in the Jordan Valley region. The two ministers yesterday discussed economic and trade ties between Jordan and Morocco and ways of promoting them. At the talks in which officials from both sides took part agreement was reached for the formation of two committees to follow up steps for promoting bilateral cooperation. The first committee will be entrusted with the economic aspect and the opening of commercial centres for both countries in Rabat and Amman, and the second will look into ways for promoting tourism and agricultural cooperation between Morocco and Jordan and for exploring the possibility of extracting uranium from phosphate.

Committee calls for more Arab manufacturing of medicines

AMMAN, Jan. 22 (JNA)—The higher committee for Arab pharmaceutical affairs ended its three-day meetings here today after issuing several recommendations to be referred to the Arab ministers' of health conference to be held in March. These call for the expansion in the manufacture of medicinal products in the Arab world and the extension of further assistance to the Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company in which most Arab countries hold shares. The committee also called for the establishment of a union of Arab pharmaceutical industries, a pan-Arab centre for research to help the pharmaceutical industries, and to train technicians to work in that field. Taking part in the meetings which were organised by the technical council of the Arab League were representatives of Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Bahrain.

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A European alternative

Crowded out of our news columns last week was an item which deserves to see the light of day. It is a suggestion from Britain's Lord Caradon that the European Community should propose a new formula at the United Nations for settling the Arab-Israeli dispute. The suggestion bears consideration because Lord Caradon was, of course, the principal author of Security Council Resolution No. 242, and he feels the proposed European resolution should be submitted as complementary to that 1967 measure.

Here is what Lord Caradon, writing in the London fortnightly *Middle East International*, says the new resolution should provide for:

1. A cessation of violence, and of Israeli settlement in the occupied Arab territories;
2. A boundary commission to settle the frontiers between Israel and its neighbours;
3. A two-year period of U.N. trusteeship in the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) and Gaza, with free Palestinian elections;
4. A plan to "bring together Israeli Jerusalem and Arab Jerusalem in understanding and cooperation";
5. International guarantees for the security of Israel and its neighbours;
6. A Geneva conference to sign the peace treaties.

We have often spoken in this space of the need for concrete proposals to replace the faltering and unsatisfactory Camp David process while regaining the initiative for peace which has picked up impetus in the past 14 months. We have also spoken of the need for a European role, particularly as Britain and, to a lesser extent, France bear so much responsibility for the dilemma of Palestine in the first place.

It has also been accepted within the Arab World that Resolution 242 is an essential starting point for future negotiations on a settlement.

Whatever "breakthroughs" may emerge from U.S. envoy Alfred Atherton's current negotiating visit to the region, the Camp David process is moribund. Lord Caradon's proposed supplement to 242 still leaves a lot to be desired by way of ensuring an end to Israeli aggression and guaranteeing Palestinian national rights. But if the European partners were to put it to the U.N., as he suggests, it could go far towards clearing the air and putting the negotiating process on a fresh footing.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I editorially Monday describes Lebanon as a big "laboratory" that Israel has entered as a full-fledged partner in the "dialogue of bullets to determine the future of the Arab region."

This Lebanese laboratory is witnessing the strangest conflict in history, although in the end it will be regarded as a conflict between Arab civilisation and Zionist barbarism equipped with the most up-to-date weapons of destruction.

The newspaper deplores the fact that the Arab World has so far avoided being involved in this dispute, leaving it to be fought out between the Palestinians and their Lebanese allies on one hand and the Israelis and their Lebanese militia supporters on the other. These conflicting forces are operating outside the framework of the U.N. Security Council resolution and outside the mandate of the U.N. peace-keeping forces. In this respect, Al Ra'i says, the tragedy of the Lebanese people lies in that they do not take into consideration the threat posed by the Israeli aggression since 1948, thinking that the course of events during the past three decades is a kind of "fait accompli" with which Lebanon has tried to co-exist, but in vain.

AL DUSTOUR commends His Majesty King Hussein's constant trips to Arab and foreign capitals to project Arab viewpoints on the Middle East crisis.

The newspaper was referring to King Hussein's visit Monday to Saudi Arabia and his recent trips to West Germany, Italy, Britain and the Vatican.

The events in Iran, tension in south Lebanon which Israel may be trying to escalate for "expediting" a battle with Syria, and the faltering Egyptian-Israeli negotiations which might soon result in the signing of a peace treaty, all make King Hussein's meeting with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia extremely important, as both these two countries and others of the Arab East are being exposed to serious challenges that call for constant consultation and coordination, Al Dustour writes.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Documentary Film

The Goethe Institute presents a documentary film in German entitled "Winifred Wagner" by Hans-Jürgen Syberberg. The film starts at 8:00 p.m. and is subtitled in English.

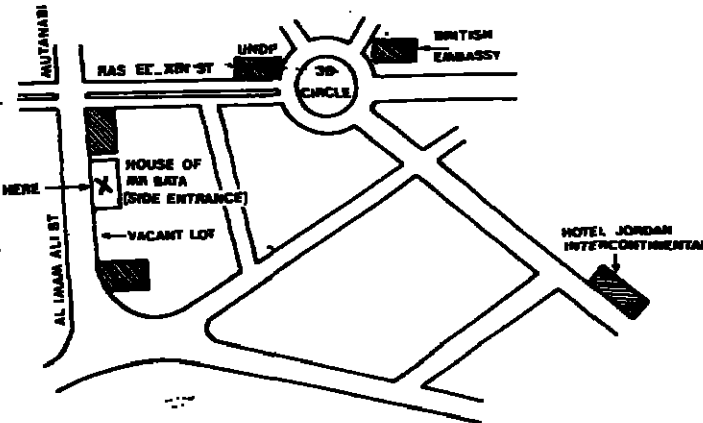
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Jordan Valley	9	17
Deserts	4	12

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Arab-American group threatens court action if U.S. doesn't grant visa to Arafat



Dr. Mohammad Mehdi makes a point, then gestures expansively as he explains during the interview at his room in the Jordan Hotel Monday.



Mr. Rebhi Rabie



during the meeting, he said.

"We expect that in the 1980 and 1984 presidential elections U.S. public opinion will change. U.S. politicians will come to look on Israel as they do now on Formosa; it won't make a difference who is running for office, whether Carter or another Truman.

"Our target in 1984 is to reverse the events of 1948," he declares. "1980 will see the beginning of cuts in economic aid to Israel. 1984 will witness the beginning of cuts in military aid."

Israel now gets about \$6 million a day in aid from the United States. If the American public

knew this, half the battle would be won," he says. "But one Dr. Mehdi is not enough, we need a thousand Dr. Mehdis," he laments. "Our problem is not the Zionists, it is staff and money."

"There has to be an end to the tail wagging the dog," he stresses. "I don't accept blanket slogans, however, such as there is an inseparable organic link between Israel and the United States. That's nonsense. In fact, that is clever and insidious Zionist propaganda; it implies that we cannot break their hold, their monopoly on the United States, and so we should not try."

An active career

AMMAN, Jan. 22 — "Arab blood, Mehdi blood, Arab blood, Mehdi blood. Kill the Arabs!" chanted a group of hardened Zionist thugs outside the office of the American-Arab Relations Committee (AARC) in New York.

The incident took place in 1974. Dr. Mohammad Mehdi, president of the AARC, and his vice president, Mr. Rebhi Rabie, had already been evacuated from the premises. "Police took us to a nearby building for protection," Dr. Mehdi told the Jordan Times here today.

"Both Rebhi and I had been attacked," he explained. "We had to be hospitalized. I had suffered broken vertebrae; my back still troubles me today," he said. At the time, Dr. Mehdi did not know the extent of the damage to his person, he only realised it when he started to black out at the hospital.

But before he was carried off in an ambulance, he managed to invite the press and the TV cameras to take a good look at what his attackers were chanting. "But instead of Jewish blood, these latter-day Nazis are yelling for Arab blood," he observed to the cameras.

Dr. Mehdi had scored a propaganda victory, at considerable cost to himself. It was one of the most pronounced incidents in his thirty years as champion of the Palestinian cause which has brought him into conflict with such Zionist groups as B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Defence League.

"One week after the incident, they burnt down our office. They burnt everything, the furniture, our records, everything. They only stopped because they couldn't find anything else to burn."

Another incident Dr. Mehdi relates concerns the Jordanian pavilion at the 1964 World Fair in New York. Zionist groups demanded removal of a mural at the Jordanian pavilion portrayed the sad lot of Palestinian refugees.

"I was insulted," he says, "at the Zionists trying to suppress the

freedom of expression." They threatened to picket the Jordanian pavilion.

"I heard of this in the middle of the night. I was so insulted that I sent a cable on the spot to the president of the fair, saying that if the Zionists were allowed to picket the Jordanian pavilion, we would picket the Israeli pavilion. I signed it Dr. Mohammad Mehdi, President, the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations." Thus the precursor to the AARC was born on May 6, 1964.

Next day the Zionists picketed, so did Dr. Mehdi's hastily formed group. For their targets they picked the offices of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress, two organisations involved in the affair. It made a big noise. It was the first incident of its kind. People were shocked that these sacrosanct organisations were being picketed. The press came in force.

Will Maslow, an official of one of the organisations, came out to handle the trouble. "Why don't we go inside and discuss this over doughnuts and a cup of coffee?" he said.

Dr. Mehdi recalls what he said at the time: "Mr. Maslow, I will be very happy to accept your invitation, but first, tell the press why you are trying to suppress the First Amendment. I want you to tell the press why you are trying to prevent the Jordanian pavilion from exhibiting a mural, and why you want to deny us our constitutional rights."

Mr. Maslow tried the old play of inviting him to shake hands. "I will be happy to shake your hand," he said, "but first I want you to tell these people that you are a bigoted, intolerant organisation, committed to the suppression of our civil liberties."

"The story made the New York Times, it was in the Post, next day," he exulted.

Dr. Mehdi is currently secretary general of the Federation of American-Arab Organisations, as well as president of the AARC. It keeps him busy "25 hours a day," he says.

listing" companies, as he terms it. It should do positive things, he says, to rupture Israel's economic ties with the international community. For instance, if Switzerland is buying Jaffa oranges, the boycott office should step in and strike a deal involving the sale of Lebanese, Syrian or Libyan oranges in Switzerland at a price considerably below that of Jaffa oranges, even if it has to subsidise Arab oranges in the bargain. The boycott office should approach companies like Trans World Airlines (TWA). Dr. Mehdi advocates, a d propose that TWA stop its flights to Israel. If TWA complies that it would be incurring a loss of say \$5 million, the boycott office should arrange to make good TWA's losses through business with the Arab World or outright compensation, he argues.

He is currently trying to organise an "Arab People's Committee to Reach the American People," which will include 40 prominent Americans concerned with the Arab-American relations, which was to have met for the first time in Kuwait on Jan. 26.

Dr. Mehdi, who is accompanied by AARC Vice President Rebhi Rabie, plans to return to Damascus and then go on to Baghdad, in time for the forthcoming meeting of Arab information ministers.

People

...in the news

The year 1979 is only three weeks old, but the price of Wedding of the Year surely has to go to the union on Sunday evening, at the Greek Orthodox Church in Abdali, of erstwhile Jordan Times Editor Rami G. Khouri and the lovely Ellen Kettaneh. After a traditional ceremony presided over by the Greek Orthodox Archbishop Theodoros (with chief usher Hatham Goussous providing an electric heater to keep the marital couple warm), several hundred well-wishers inaugurated the top-floor restaurant of the new Amman Holiday Inn at a crowded and good-humoured reception presided over by the justifiably proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Kettaneh and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Khouri. Among the notables present were the exiled Mayor of Arab Jerusalem Mr. Rami Al Khatib, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, Director of the Jordan Press Foundation Jum'a Hammad, Information Ministry Under-secretary Mr.

Peter Salah, Royal Scientific Society Director General Albert Butros, National Consultative Council member Mrs. In'am Mufti, and chief editors Mahmoud Sharif of Al-Dustour and Mohammed Amad of Al Rai Jordan Times, as well as Director of Public Security Ghazi Arabiyat, the Iraqi and Libyan ambassadors, and prominent banker Suleiman Sukkar. The bridegroom had only one admonition: there was to be no publicity in the social columns of the local press. He even prevailed upon the representatives of a well-known Beirut weekly magazine not to feature the wedding in their popular social reportage. But the Jordan Times feels obliged to place this social event of the year on the public record, safe in the knowledge that the principals are thousands of miles away. After a honeymoon in Spain and Morocco, Rami Khouri will return to these pages as contributing editor and chief economic correspondent of Jordan's leading English-language daily.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	5,485	6,560	6,570	6,570
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	943	16,800	16,900	16,850
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	1,863	1,150	—	1,150
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,400	1,750	—	1,750
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2,135	1,050	—	1,060
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	5,117	1,850	—	1,850
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	114	1,340	1,350	1,350
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	249	8,560	8,650	8,600
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	1,446	—	—	4,450
Al Ezdihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	880	1,050	—	1,070
Arab Bank Co.	JD 10,000	2,600	—	—	65,000
Petra Bank Co.	JD 10,000	4,600	11,200	11,350	11,500
*Arab International Investment and Trade Co.	JD 5,000	662	3,750	—	3,750
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	292	—	0,740	0,730
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	800	—	—	1,600
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	2,242	4,350	5,000	4,450

Total volume traded, Monday, Jan. 22: JD 30,828
Total number of shares traded: 11,713

*50 per cent of shares capital paid

Government Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume traded	Number traded	Year of maturity	selling price
	JD 5,000	154	30	1979	5,165
	JD 5,000	1,171	230	1980	5,095
	JD 5,000	1,202	240	1982	5,010

Total volume traded: JD 2,527

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- 1,000 heavy duty multiple-use pallets
- One, 50 metric ton bridge scale.

The location of the project is at Al Arda in the centre of the Jordan Valley, approximately 60 km. from Amman. All roads leading to the site are in good condition in all seasons.

The firm to whom a contract may be awarded will be paid in the designated currency of the bidder. This project will be financed jointly by the Government of Jordan and the Government of the Netherlands.

The Bid Documents are available for purchase at the

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All for the sake of a scent

By Sue Morrow Lockwood

In Nepal and along the Himalayas where Asia's finest quality musk originates, the male musk deer carries in his abdomen a commodity which may be the death warrant of his species.

The thick, obnoxious-smelling jelly is extracted from the four-grum scent gland or musk pod these shy, rabbit-like deer, which have odd four-inch canine incisors. They range from Pakis-

tan to Korea and their musk has been highly valued for centuries as an aphrodisiac, medicine and perfume stabiliser.

Worth four times its weight in gold on the world perfume market, where 2,400 kilos of this perfume fixative are needed each year, musk is now in short supply because the musk deer are being hunted into extinction.

To satisfy the world demand for perfume industries alone takes the lives of 336,000 male deer each

year. Musk can be taken from the living deer in captivity without injuring it, but for Himalayan hunters killing with indiscriminate hunting and trapping methods is easier.

Guns, dog packs, spring snares which leave the animal to die slowly hanging in a tree, sharp poisoned stakes buried in pathways or poison applied to the leaves of their favourite shrubs—all destroy just as many females and young as males, easily

doubling the number slaughtered.

In 1974, Nepal enacted a Wildlife Protection Act which forbade the export of wildlife products, although musk exports from only 16 dealers, the few who had bothered to register with the government, accounted for nearly nine per cent of the entire 1972-73 exports.

But it was a vain sacrifice since efficient enforcement is virtually impossible in the rugged Himalayas where Nepal's small

police force is spread over miles and miles of near-vertical, heavily-wooded mountainsides.

The sale of two of three pods can support a hill family for up to a year in comfort and there is precious little to replace this income, so the profitable trade goes on. Smuggling is now limited mostly by the diminishing deer population.

Although many smuggling routes, especially from Bhutan, Sikkim and Darjeeling run north-

south to India, where musk is sold illicitly everywhere, much of the musk comes to illegal dealers in Kathmandu.

Nepalese buyers claim that even Chinese border guards trade musk in clandestine nocturnal meetings for wrist watches, soap and leather goods.

Occasionally foreign dealers and perfume manufacturers purchase it in Kathmandu but most of the shipments are smuggled out to foreign markets, much the way

Worth four times its weight in gold and sought by the top perfume houses, musk is threatening survival of the unfortunate animals who produce it. It can be produced from animals in captivity, but easier just to hunt them down and kill them.

drugs are smuggled and often by the same people.

Encouraging the elite of the world's perfume establishments to utilise wholly synthetic substances does not solve the problem.

There are up to 80 known substitutes but major perfumers prefer real musk for exclusive top brand perfumes, on the evidence of constant demand. It also seems highly unlikely that synthetics would satisfy Asian aphrodisiac consumers.

While the West uses it solely as a perfume fixative, Asia relies on it for much more. One Swami Pranavananda described its

potential. "Musk produces heat in the system, stimulates the heart and raises blood pressure in depressed conditions of the system. It is with great advantage used in general debility, milder types of impotency, in low fevers, chronic coughs, affections of lungs and spasmodic diseases such as hysteria and epilepsy. It is better than any other bazaar medicines or drugs used..." As if that were not enough, musk is reported to cure hiccups, cramp, apoplexy, convulsions, coma, abscesses, bruises and boils. Tibetans mix it

with sheep dung and lotus snuff. Indians use it not only in chewing incense and perfume concentrates. Its powerful clings for hours after consumption.

So far, only China has succeeded in producing musk deer in captivity. A musk farm has increased from 9 to 100 deer and obtains up to 14 "milking" injury from a single animal's lifetime. But China supplies only an internal market which provides little relief outside China.

The development of musk farming is now being seriously considered in Nepal. Growing numbers of a Himalayan perfume. Certainly, the world musk from perfume is aphrodisiac consumers, at a constant legal so unadulterated musk illegal trade would be stay alive in the face of competition.

Financial Times News-Features

Socialist countries linked by natural gas line



Night view of the Orenburg gas-processing plant

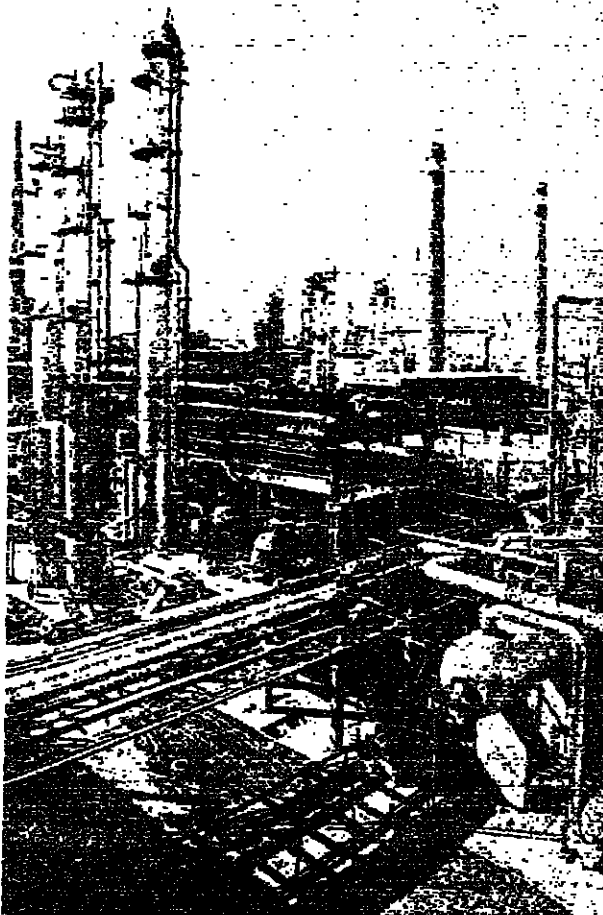
The Orenburg region is a rich territory in the Southern Urals famous for corn and various minerals. Some time ago vast deposits were discovered there. Today each tenth cubic metre of Soviet gas is extracted in the Orenburg region. In 1974 the first stage of the industrial complex for gas extraction and processing was put into operation there and in the following year the second one. The construction of the third stage is nearing completion. Annually dozens of billions of cubic metres of Orenburg gas will be exported, with 15 million out of this figure via the international "Soyuz" pipe-line system

to the socialist countries. Countries of the socialist community participated in this construction. The

line is made of 1420 millimetre pipes stretching toward the Western frontier of the Soviet Union for 2750 kilometres. In late September 1978 the last junction of the line was welded. The natural gas is

an important item of Soviet export. The "Fraternity" line has existed for 10 years already, through it the gas extracted in the Soviet Union is transported to Bulgaria, Hungary, East Germany and Czechoslovakia. The new gas pipe-line is of great importance for further development of cooperation and strengthening of socialist economies.

(TASS)



A view of installations of the third stage of the Orenburg

The equipment of the control service of the third stage of the Orenburg gas-processing plant is being tested.



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RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Good day to plan in detail a which provides you have joint interests and see how to make them into good friends. Avoid a tendency to exaggerate and all goes better for you.

AURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Study obligations and how best to discharge them. Friends and kin are growing more cooperative now so make the most of this.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get in touch with persons from whom you have joint interests and see how to make them more operative. Any community work you do now will be very remunerative.

LEON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Fine time to work conditions and know how best to improve them. Talk over with fellow workers how to have more generation and harmony.

EO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Meet friends socially and have fun. Put new creative ideas to work that need a little more attention as to detail.

IRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try a different attitude at work and establish more harmony there. Establish good lit and feel more secure.

IBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are now able to get work done more efficiently, so don't procrastinate. Be of help to friends in their aims.

CORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are able to add to abundance now by some unusual methods. A good time to make repairs, or plan for them.

AGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do those things really like to do and advancement comes easily for you. Be with as many friends as you can at entertainment.

APRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take time to be alone think out a course that will help to make your life more and more affluent. Confer with a clever adviser and his views.

QUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A good day to be your various self, and see as many friends and acquaintances as you can. State your aims and ambitions and their cooperation for gaining them.

SCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Look to those in power for pressing your finest talents with their assistance. Get community work that will add to prestige.

GOREN BRIDGE

CHARLES H. GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF
1979 by Chicago Tribune

ASK OMAR

On a nationally syndicated talk show, I heard say that you learned to bridge from a book you were busy filming. Did you become such a player? I have been taking lessons for years and I seem to progress at basic intermediate level—Fort Lauderdale, Fla. is question has been the weekly prize.

While it's true that I learned the rudiments of the game from a book, I do not think you can learn much more than from reading. To be a really top player, I had to learn by playing and, whenever possible, after players than I.

Not denying the fact that, like star, it was easier for me to get partners of stature in the world. However, my own as a film celebrity nothing to them once we were the bridge table. After that, I was just another player, and if my game was mediocre, I heard in no uncertain terms. I do not take all that much credit, but I realized there was only one way to become a sufficiently

proficient so that I could sit down in a game as their peer. That took hours of practice and discipline, and even more hours of playing. I learned the most important attribute has nothing to do with learning the technical aspects of the game. It has nothing to do with intelligence or diligence. I know many people who are among the leaders of their fields, but at the bridge table are relative novices and will never get beyond that stage no matter how hard they work.

To become an expert bridge player you need one primary attribute—card sense! If you are not born with that, no amount of work, study and practice will make you a top player. You can become reasonably proficient, but that is all.

I was lucky. My mother was a regular cardplayer, and I suppose I inherited her flair for card games.

If you like, take football as an analogy. You can take a boy and coach him to throw a football, but unless he was born with a certain spark that you cannot define, he will never become another Johnny Unitas. He might eventually become a passable quarterback, but pardon the pun, but no more.

Some people have a flair for games with a ball, some for card games. One thing is certain—if you don't have the intangible something, you won't become a master. And there is no need to develop any sort of complex about the matter. The secret is to find your level and enjoy the game. Bridge is a rewarding pastime no matter how well you play.

Comecon member decides to 'go it alone'

Romania to open talks with EEC

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22 (R)—Romania has once again asserted its independence from the Soviet Union, this time by breaking ranks in the Communist bloc's negotiations with the European Common Market and going it alone.

Bucharest is to open talks with the EEC on commercial and industrial cooperation agreements which, if concluded, will be the first signed with a member of Comecon, the Moscow-led Communist trading bloc.

Romania's move, though not as dramatic as its refusal last year to go along with a Warsaw Pact proposal to increase defence spending, is seen as another firm step by President Nicolae Ceausescu to loosen Moscow's grip on Eastern Europe.

Romania's initiative comes at a time when slow-moving talks between the nine-member EEC and Comecon are stalled, mainly over the question of who has the power to negotiate trade agreements.

The European Common Market feels that Comecon does not have the same supra-national authority as the EEC Commission to negotiate trade accords.

In the commission's eyes, the communist organisation is not in a position to give substance to clauses on such trade problems as preferences and import and export quotas, has no uniform customs area and does not allow free movement of goods between its members.

The Common Market countries also feel that to give Comecon the competence to negotiate in the name of its individual members would reinforce Moscow's political control over its allies, EEC sources said.

At the last meeting between delegations led by Comecon Secretary Nikolai Fadeyev and EEC External Affairs Commissioner Wilhelm Haferkamp in November, the Common Market made proposals it described as the extreme limit of concessions it was prepared to make.

The Common Market proposed an accord, to be signed by Comecon as a whole as well as its individual members, that would include a general reference to trade.

Mr. Fadeyev said the proposal would be studied by the Comecon Council's next meeting. This is planned for the end of January and the EEC is expecting an answer from Comecon some time next month.

In fact, economic realities have already forced Comecon countries to deal with the EEC in certain

areas.

Romania, Poland and Hungary have made arrangements on textiles, while all Eastern European countries except Russia and East Germany have entered into agreements to restrain exports of their steel products to the EEC.

Comecon was forced to ignore such breaches of its rules because its members would otherwise have risked the EEC banning their exports.

The Soviet Union itself agreed to enter talks with the EEC, along with Poland and East Germany, when the community extended its fishing limits to 200 miles. The negotiations eventually broke down.

Romania's gradual approach towards the EEC has been a classic example of "salami tactics", with each little slice bringing it nearer to Brussels, EEC sources said.

Since July 1977, Bucharest has sent experts to the EEC headquarters to examine various problems.

The industrial cooperation agreement it is proposing now would cover 85 per cent of its exports to the EEC, leaving out only fish and farm products, the sources said.

The European Commission has now asked the EEC Council of Ministers for power to open negotiations with the Romanian Government, and current council president, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncelet, has said he intends to give priority to relations with Romania.

Of the two agreements, one would concern industrial products other than steel and textiles covered by the existing arrangements. The other would create an EEC-Romanian joint committee with general responsibilities for promoting trade.

However, the sources underlined that Romania's links with the EEC would still fall short of the association status presently under discussion with communist but non-aligned Yugoslavia.

And China last year signed a five-year trade accord with the EEC which gives it a more favoured status with the community than the Comecon countries.

Still, if Romania gets away with this new independent venture, other Comecon countries like Poland and Hungary could be tempted to follow suit, EEC sources added.

Laffite of France wins Argentine Grand Prix

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 22 (R)—Jacques Laffite of France won the Argentine Grand Prix, first event of the 1979 world motor racing championship, here yesterday. His Ligier led almost from start to finish.

Mr. Laffite, who started in pole position, finished well clear of local hero Carlos Reutemann of Argentina who was second in a Lotus. Third was Britain's John Watson in a McLaren, and fourth Mr. Laffite's team mate and compatriot Patrick Depailler.

The race was run in blistering heat with shade temperatures

soaring well into the 50s Centigrade.

It started dramatically when eight drivers, including defending world champion Mario Andretti of the United States in a Lotus, Brazilian Nelson Piquet in a Brabham, South African Jody Scheckter in a Ferrari and Mr. Watson, were involved in opening lap collision. Mr. Scheckter and Mr. Piquet were slightly injured and did not compete when the race was restarted 75 minutes later.

Mr. Andretti finally came fifth with Brazil's Emerson Fittipaldi sixth.

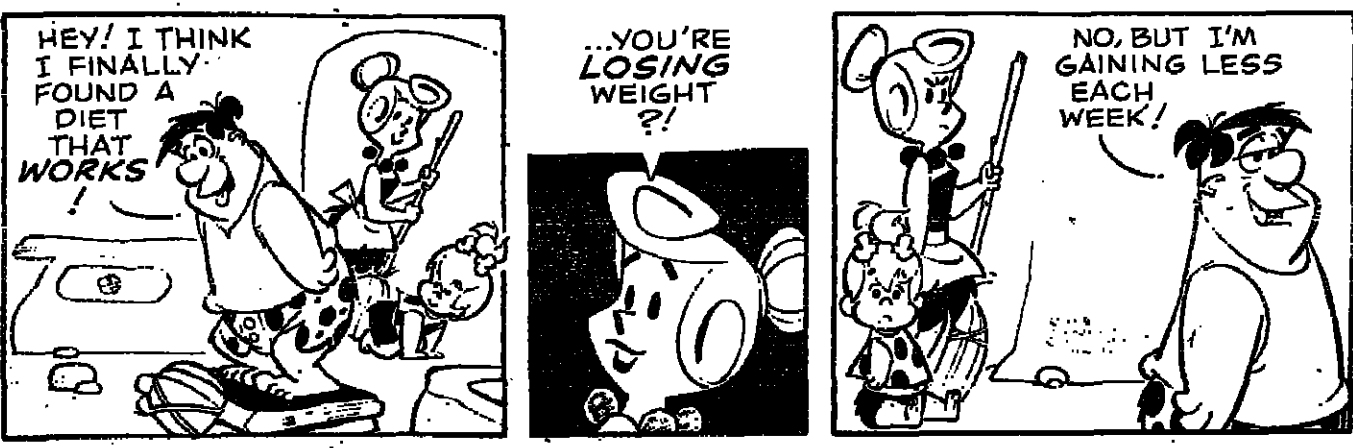
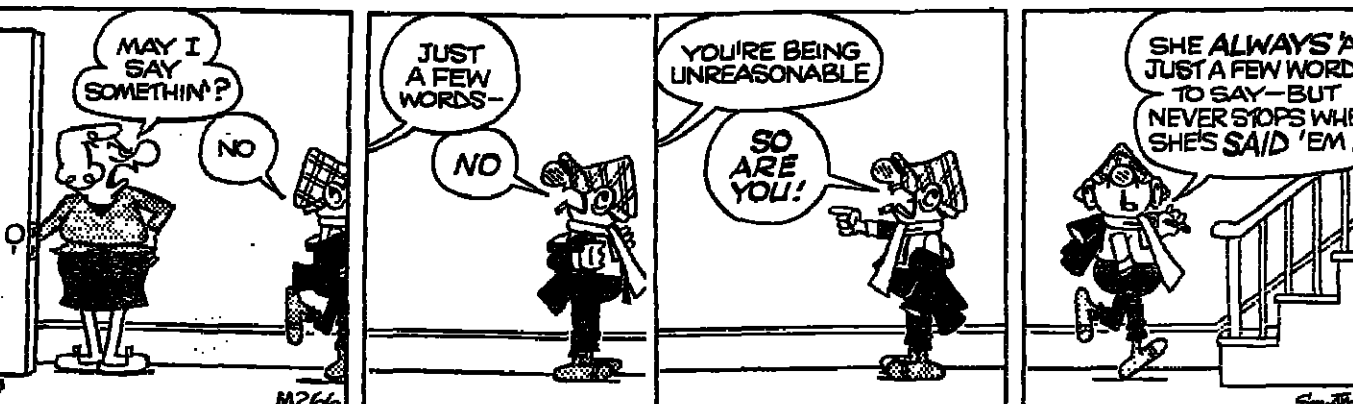
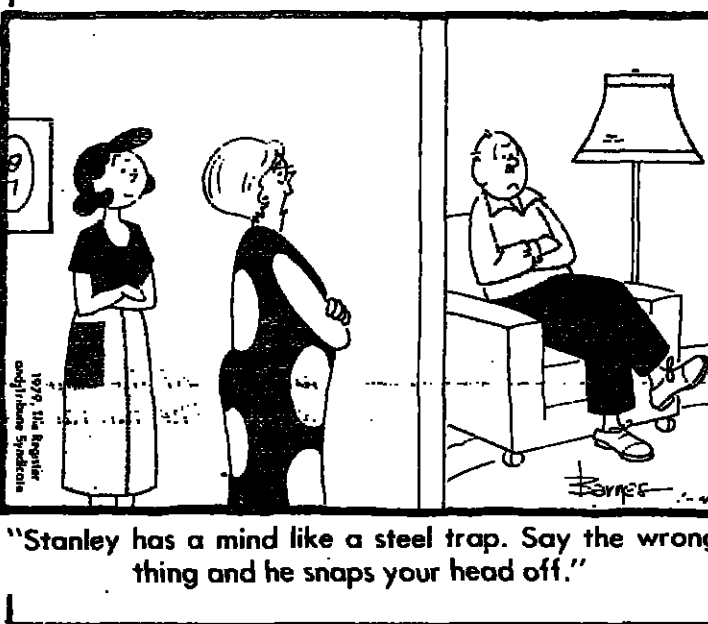
LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices closed Monday easier with industrial disputes continuing to inhibit business, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down six points at 472.9.

Government bonds met stalled selling interest with fears of inflationary pay settlements the main worry, dealers added. Short dated maturities fell around 1/4 point while longer dates lost up to 1/2.

Australian, U.S. and Canadian stocks were mixed.

THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



Jordan Times Daily Guide

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CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 10
5:30 Quran	6:30 French programme
6:25 Cartoon	7:00 News in French
6:40 Arab World	7:30 News in English
6:50 Farming family	7:50 Comedy
7:10 Return to Peyton Place	8:10 The United Line
8:10 News in Arabic	10:00 News in English
8:30 Arab Series	10:15 Dallas
9:30 Arabic programme	
11:10 News in Arabic	

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CHANNEL 8	CHANNEL 10
7:00 Morning show	14:00 News bulletin
7:30 News Bulletin	14:10 Music
8:00 Morning show	14:20 News (Arabic)
8:30 News Bulletin	15:00 Concert hour
9:00 Morning show	16:00 News summary
9:30 Face and Place	16:05 Easy listening
10:00 Sign off	17:00 World of music
10:00 Sign off and news headline	18:00 News summary
10:05 Radio show	18:05 Play of the week
13:00 News summary	19:00 News bulletin
13:05 Radio show	19:30 Sign off

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02:00 News	16:00 News, Comments
02:30 News	16:15 Music Today
03:00 News	16:45 World Today
03:30 News	17:00 News
04:00 News	17:05 Books and Writers
04:30 News	17:30 Talk show
05:00 News	17:45 Sports Round-up
05:30 News	18:00 News, News about Britain
06:00 News	18:15 Radio New Zealand
06:30 News	18:30 The Farming World
07:00 News	19:00 Outlook, News Summary
07:30 News	19:15 The Stock Market
08:00 News	19:45 Network U.K.
08:30 News	20:00 News, 24 Hours
09:00 News	20:30 The Pleasure Years
09:30 News	21:00 News, 24 Hours
10:00 News	21:15 News, 24 Hours
10:30 News	22:00 News, World Today
11:00 News	22:15 Financial News
11:30 News	22:35 Book Choice, Reflections
12:00 News	22:45 Sports Round-up
12:30 News	23:00 News, Comments
13:00 News	
13:30 News	
14:00 News	
14:30 News	

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	19:00
01:00 The Breakfast Show	19:00 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis
06:30 News, Pop music, features, news, questions	19:30 USA Magazine, Americana, science, culture, letters
17:00 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis	20:00 Special English, news
17:30 News	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
18:00 News	21:00 VOA World Report
18:30 News	21:45 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analysis
19:00 News	

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ARRIVALS	DEPARTURES
6:30 Baghdad (BA)	7:40 Damascus, London (BA)
7:15 Damascus (SA)	8:15 Damascus (SA)
10:30 Doha, Riyadh (SD)	8:30 Beirut (MEA)
11:30 Kuwait (KA)	9:00 Frankfurt
12:30 New York	9:30 Rome
13:00 Cairo	11:00 Cairo
13:45 Istanbul (SD)	11:00 Athens (SD)
14:00 London, Paris	11:20 Istanbul (SD)
14:30 Copenhagen, Vienna	12:45 Kuwait (KAC)
15:00 London, Paris	16:15 Riyadh, Doha (SD)
16:15 Tehran (IR)	16:30 Damascus
16:30 Rome	16:40 Cairo (IR)
16:40 Cairo (EA)	16:45 Cairo (EA)
16:45 Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)	19:20 Kuwait
17:00 Beirut (MEA)	20:00 Doha, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GF)
17:30 Baghdad (IA)	20:00 Beirut (IA)
18:00 Frankfurt	21:00 Jeddah
20:30 Damascus	21:30 Doha
22:00 Cairo	22:45 Doha, Muscat (RJ-GF)
22:00 Cairo (IR)	23:59 Bahrain, Bangkok
	00:45 Tehran (IR)

EMERGENCIES

District	Al Safah (2057)
Amman	5th Circle (4112)
Amman	Samah (17526)
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CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

Centre	Tel.
American Centre	41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37000
German Cultural Centre	41903
Italian Cultural Centre	44205
Spanish Cultural Centre	24044
Haya Arts Centre	62195
Hayan Youth Club	67101
Y.W.C.A.	41793
Y.W.M.C.A.	64251
Amman Municipal Library	30111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Chapel Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Service	Tel.
Ambulance (government)	75111
Civil defence rescue	24341-4
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	36141
National fire patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency	21111, 37777
Airport information (AJIA)	52705
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124
Fire station	114
Fire headquarters	22900

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Centre	Tel.
Al Hama Theatre	226-445
Al Sha'bi Art Gallery	226-527
American Centre	552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	363-722
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	571-113
British Cultural Centre	333-594
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	333-632
French Cultural Centre	330-604
Karibon Theatre	225-016
National Museum	114-654
Soviet Cultural Centre	225-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-003
Umma Art Gallery	234-619
Zahara Public Library	111-318

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Service	Tel.
Ambulance (government)	90
Chamber of Commerce	118-339
Electric Power Co. (repair)	223-887
Fire headquarters	91
Municipal water service (emergency)	9507
Time (in Arabic)	115-500

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